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First Named Inventor	ALLEN
Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	Qian, Celine X.
Attorney Docket Number	R-654

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 13, 2005, Applicants timely submit the following Amendment. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.